The Lions' Pride

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Parking update: complaints silenced

By Tara McLoughlin
Co-Editor in Chief

Returning students enjoy the perks of bigger and better parking.

By the end of last year, students were notified that the new parking garage and field was expected to be completed by the beginning of the fall semester. And as students prepared to move into their new homes last week, they were surprised to find that the parking garage was ready and waiting. The final result was a two level structure that could hold up to a total of 740 cars.

Many students were unhappy with the constant loss and gain of parking spots due to the construction process. And many of them resorted to parking illegally, even though parking spots were still available within a mile radius.

According to the proposed parking master plan, before the parking garage, there were 1,250 general total spaces. But this year, there are a total of 800 new students, including transfers. Now, the question remains, has the parking garage served its purpose?

Senior, Sara Vogel, felt that the parking garage has definitely made a difference.

"I don't see as many people parking illegally as last year. And I haven't heard as many people complaining about the parking this year," she said.

When commuter student, Josseibel Vazquez Gonzales, was asked about her experience thus far, she was satisfied overall.

"The parking garage has been a great relief on me as a commuter. I know there is always going to be a parking spot for me on campus," said Gonzales.

Another student, senior resident, Andy Pelletier, believes that the parking garage is a great addition to the new campus. When asked if he thinks that the parking garage will help resolve the parking issue, Andy felt hopeful. However, he also believes that other measures will need to be taken in the future.

"I do think that with the growing population of students, there will need to be more parking at some point," he said.

While we do not know what will happen in the future, we can expect that the parking complaints will be silenced for now. The new addition should help to relieve some of the congestion that we have experienced in previous years. Now, this isn't to say that drivers will always get the spot they hoped for, but they will get a spot. Happy Hunting!

Saint Leo University teaches values for life

By Meghan Mathias
Staff Writer

As the beginning of the school year starts to progress, there will be many things that students will be familiar with at Saint Leo such as course syllabi and textbooks but six things that new students might not be familiar with are Saint Leo's core values which are comprised of excellence, respect, community, responsible stewardship, integrity and personal development.

These six core values of Saint Leo can be seen across campus with it being predominantly featured in Saint Leo's Donald R. Tapia School of Business

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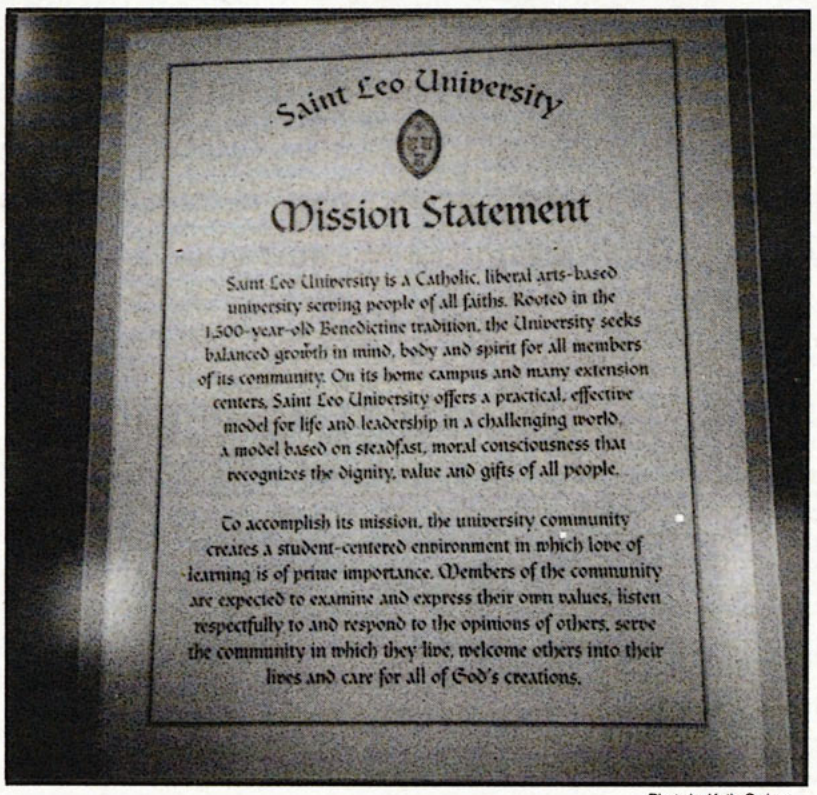
Saint Leo University
Mission Statement
Saint Leo University is a Catholic, liberal arts-based university serving people of all faiths. Rooted in the 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition, the University seeks balanced growth in mind, body and spirit for all members of its community. On its home campus and many extension centers, Saint Leo University offers a practical, effective model for life and leadership in a challenging world, a model based on steadfast, moral consciousness that recognizes the dignity, value and gifts of all people.
To accomplish its mission, the university community creates a student-centered environment in which love of learning is of prime importance. Members of the community are expected to examine and express their own values, listen respectfully to and respond to the opinions of others, serve the community in which they live, welcome others into their lives and care for all of God's creations.

Photo by Katie Gwinn
A view of Saint Leo University's Mission Statement, located in President Dr. Kirk's office.

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Lions lose two pack members

By Taylor McGillis
Online Editor

Saint Leo University lost two members of its community over the summer with the passing of Patrick Strom and Professor Doug Schiffbauer.

Strom, a 19 year-old sophomore-to-be, passed away from the result of a car accident on June 16, 2012 in Tampa, Fla. A 2011 graduate of Wharton High School, Strom was known for his laughter and smile, and will be missed by many friends and his loving family.

Strom and his parents, Dick and Kathy, were members of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Schiffbauer, 54, resident of Dade City, passed away suddenly after suffering from a heart attack on June 7, 2012. The adjunct professor taught fine arts and sculpture at Saint Leo for three years. A native of Lexington, N.C., Schiffbauer contributed significantly to the "Pigs in the City" art initiative in Lexington that aimed to revamp the downtown area. Schiffbauer had visions of starting something similar on the Saint Leo University campus, and naming it "Lions on the Loose". The idea, that involves creating various sculptures and placing them around the campus, is now being pushed to be implemented and created in honor of Schiffbauer.

Those close to Schiffbauer will miss his excitement and warm personality that he always carried with him. "He had the best sense of humor and warm personality", said Professor Pamela Decius. "I never saw him not smiling."

Schiffbauer and his wife of 27 years, Judy, had two children; Jennifer Mackey and Cami Kinkead

Please keep the Strom and Schiffbauer families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mission Statement

The mission of The Lions' Pride is to provide accurate news and diverse opinions that are important to the Saint Leo community. Our goal is to inform and entertain while providing thought-provoking journalism without fear of reprisal. The Lions' Pride is a student-run publication free from institutional interference from conception to print. The staff upholds the Benedictine values, especially excellence, integrity, responsibility, and community, while supporting our First Amendment rights.

I want to take a moment as the new Co-Chief Editor of the Lions' Pride and explain why we printed this in our first issue of the 2012-2013 academic year. We print this to remind ourselves of the trust that we must earn with every issue: It is our responsibility not only as writers and editors but also as members of this community to ensure that every issue we print for you, our readers, follows this mission statement. We cannot ask you to trust us if we will only explore one side of an issue. To do so would misrepresent the very foundations upon which our predecessors founded this paper. Nor can you expect us to represent the Saint Leo University community if we will not only report on both sides of an issue but also be willing to point out our own failings.

This first issue and the coming year represents change for us at the Lions' Pride. Many of our staff are seniors and will be graduating in April. As such, it is my and my fellow Co-Chief Editor's goal to lead this paper into a new direction. Just as we have watched the dramatic changes that have occurred on the campus over the past few years, such as the improvements to our athletics programs and the overpowering drive for growth and change at Saint Leo University, so too must the Lions' Pride grow and change. It is this drive for change and growth that prompts this mission statement and this letter to you, our readers, to reassure you of our commitment to produce a newspaper that is worthy of being called a member of the Saint Leo University community. This commitment burns strong with this year's staff. We write with pride, we are members of this community, and we are proud of that fact.

Therefore, we ask you to allow us to earn your trust once again. Tell us when we succeed; tell us when we fail. If you think there is a story that the community needs to hear, we want to listen. You will be able to identify us once a week because we will stand out and we will make our presence known in this community. We are your Lions' Pride and we seek to earn your trust.

-Owen Robertson, Co-Chief Editor

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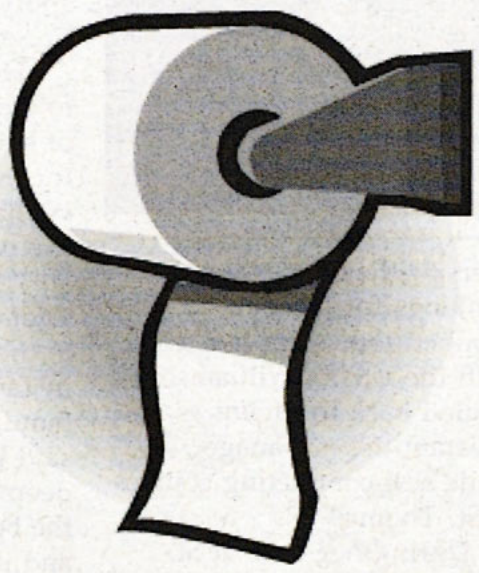
Campus News

The Desk of Whimsy: Best Bathrooms on Campus

By Kyle Dunlap
Copy Editor

As a professional and well-mannered student, you have most certainly devoured this issue of The Lions' Pride with the zeal of a true overachiever, and with good reason: the information contained within this issue is solid. It gives you a good start towards your future at Saint Leo University, whether that future is only this remaining year or if is a whole four.

However, the articles in this issue have missed a very good point, and the oversight is something that no one else seemed willing to correct. While it may not be good for my reputation, I'm going to tell you some of the most important information that you as a student need to know: where to go when you have to "go."



If you've ever been to a large, heavily populated place, you know that there is a definite difference in how well maintained the bathrooms are and how good the construction is. No one wants to do their business in stalls unfit for human occupation. On the other side of the argument, though, everyone wants to feel like a king—why else would healthy young men and women take the handicapped stall if not to feel as pampered as the gods are? Thus, I feel as though the campus needs a quick guide to choosing a great bathroom.

There are the obvious choices for the good bathrooms on campus: the business building and the student center. These are well constructed and aesthetically pleasing places to be though their major downfall is, in fact, their popularity. Certainly, stall size and construction are important, but having to practice proper stall etiquette (such as choosing the correct urinal or not pressuring others to complete their tasks before their time) creates more mental work when you are trying to feel the relief of a job well done. These bathrooms will suffice, so long as you are willing to navigate the logistics in finding a place to transact business.

The LRC bathrooms are also quite nice, and for the men the bees that are glazed into the urinals are a nice touch, removing aiming from that aforementioned process. As a nice bonus, they're less crowded as fewer students have non-bathroom related business in there, meaning that one can take their time there and not feel the panic of someone waiting on the stalls. These bathrooms, while certainly wonderful places to be, only fall short in that they're right in the middle of everything, so you still get incidental students wandering into them, ruining the experience.

As recently as last semester, there was one set of bathrooms that should have been avoided: the first floor library bathrooms. While they didn't suffer from neglect or disrepair, the design itself lead to the main issue: fitting into the stalls was downright painful. They were small and cramped, leading to bad posture and numbness issues for even the shortest of stays. This is not to suggest any slight against the library staff, of course; the plumbing and age of the building dictated their location at the time. However, this semester made them usable once again, as cramping and numbness has been alleviated by a complete remodel.

However, the ultimate bathroom on campus is a single-occupancy room, hidden well amongst the classrooms and offices. The cleanliness of the room is something to behold; a guy desperate for a quiet place to do homework wouldn't think twice of popping a squat on the floor and doing it there. They're not well trafficked, and unless you've had business there you wouldn't even know of their quality. Where are these bathrooms that are designed by the patron saint of bathroom comfort, you ask? Well, sorry to say, I'm not telling. That's the bathroom I use, and you all are certainly not spoiling my experience. Find your own favorite.

Welcome home, fellow students! Enjoy your "business" as much as you're able!

Where are these bathrooms that are designed by the patron saint of bathroom comfort, you ask? Well, sorry to say, I'm not telling.

Core Values, from page 1

building in the main entrance. The six values are in silver lettering around the ceiling of the inside of the building and highlight the true vision that Saint Leo has for itself. These core values are not only words but they are encouraged to be a way of life for all who have received the privilege of being on the campus of Saint Leo.

The meaning of Saint Leo's core values are not just mere definitions but also can be a way to live a meaningful life in all areas such as school, work, family, friends, etc. The core values allow students to personally grow and this increases each year that they are here at Saint Leo. Saint Leo's motto is "You'll love the person you become here" and this is definitely a true statement in regards to the core values. The core values allow people to mature and strive for something that is greater and for the better. The qualities that are exhibited in the core values are qualities that anyone would love to have as a part of their daily life. If the students and the staff of Saint Leo apply these six core values to their life, then the world can see a dramatic change in their lives (for people who have known them) and also a difference among people who do not exhibit these core values in their lives. When the people of Saint Leo really embrace the six core values that make up Saint Leo then Saint Leo can really be a greater force for good.

Application of the core values is something that comes with time but it is also very easy to ease into one's life. Gina Picciano, a senior, has incorporated the core values by "applying them to the decisions that she makes in her daily life" and she's found that she has a "more positive and meaningful life" when she applies the values to her life. The core values are meant to be applied to the lives of student and faculty at Saint Leo and when they are then these lives are immediately set apart from the rest of the world who do not exhibit such qualities.

Excellence, respect, community, responsible stewardship, integrity and personal development are the six core values of Saint Leo and they not only represent Saint Leo's vision for itself but also can give people who apply them a more meaningful life and a life where the opportunities are endless.

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Campus News

Meet New Assistant Professor of Sport Business: Dr. Dene Williamson

By Taylor McGillis
Online Editor

With the continued expansion of the University and recent increase in popularity of the Sport Business

and International Tourism program, the sport business department hired a new assistant professor of sport business, Dene Williamson. Williamson comes to Saint Leo after spending the last few years helping spearhead, the sport venue management program at the University of Missouri, which focused on the teaching of running facilities and arenas.

A native of Warrensburg, Mo., Williamson played college basketball at the University of Central Missouri and went on to get her degree from there in physical education with a minor in business. It was there that her interest was sparked in the sports industry field. Upon graduation and with her sights set clear on a career in sports, Williamson enrolled at St. Thomas University in

Photo Courtesy of Taylor McGillis

Miami to pursue her master's degree.

During the time she was working on her sports administration degree Williamson was an internin the University of Miami ticket office as well as volunteering with the NASDAQ-100 Open (now Sony

Ericsson Open). Her experience volunteering at the NASDAQ-100 landed Williamson a full time position at the United States Tennis Association where she oversaw the Girls National Rankings for Junior Competition. After her stint with the USTA, Williamson headed back to Miami as an assistant ticket manager, all while still completing courses at St. Thomas.

During her time at St. Thomas, Williamson was so influenced by the education she was receiving that she decided she wanted to become an educator of the sport business industry. Because of her desire to get into the educational industry, Williamson accepted a teaching position at Boyd H. Anderson High School in Ft. Lauderdale where she was able to begin her career teaching sport business.

After a brief stint working in the sport fitness industry in Tampa while finishing up her doctorate degree, Williamson headed to the University of Missouri to help start their sport venue management program.

However, she had a desire to work with smaller groups of students, and with her love for the Tampa Bay area, Williamson always had her eye on Saint Leo University.

"Saint Leo is one of St. Thomas' biggest competitors in the region, and after living in Tampa for six years, I was familiar with the program" said Williamson. There was a deep connection I had with the beliefs that Saint Leo has and it's very clear through their core values. I can't imagine being in a better place."

Williamson, who resides in Ybor City, will be teaching Intro to Sport Business and Event and Facility Management this fall.

Bobby Sullivan: still a sheriff in our book

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

As most students are aware, this past season Bobby Sullivan, head of Campus Safety and Security, ran for Sheriff of Hernando County. Sullivan was not able to get the position, but definitely has no shame in the great efforts he put into his campaign.

Sullivan stated that the polls were pretty consistent and that out of 48,000 registered Republicans, 12,000 voted. While Sullivan might not have gotten the votes that he needed, he certainly put every effort into the campaign and made sure that he got every person in the Hernando County residency a piece of information about his campaign.

"Our specific strategy was to point out that I was a local home grown candidate that had true police and police leadership experience" says Sullivan.

They used their "Boots to the Streets" campaign to help voters see Sullivan's sincere efforts to see and meet his voters in person and make sure that they realized he wanted their voices to be heard.

Although Sullivan stated that he was disappointed in the voter turnout, he could not be more

proud of his campaign. "We did not 'sling mud,' but we did aggressively point out recorded facts about our opponent," says Sullivan. He was proud to say that his campaign was an honest and truthful one, and that he did not have to degrade anyone in order for him to receive the great support that he did.

When asked if Sullivan would run again for sheriff or any other government position the answer was "Absolutely not!" Sullivan states that he ran for this position because the amount of people that he truly cared about and respected asked him to run for this position, knowing that he would be a great asset. Sullivan goes on to say "I will go on record as saying that I have had my fill of political life. I have always loved working here but that love was compounded greatly by what I experienced this past year."

Sullivan greatly appreciates the support he gained throughout his campaign and seeing students, staff, and faculty not living in Hernando County also show him support through this stressful time. Most people might walk around with their heads down after losing a campaign, but you can find Sullivan walking around Saint Leo University with his head held high, and a familiar smile that brings comfort to the students, staff, and faculty.

Sullivan said that "a Tampa Bay Times reporter called me the day after I was defeated to check on me. It was in the morning and I told him I was having a big cup of coffee at home. He said that he was not surprised that I didn't go to work that day. I told him that he was wrong. I was sitting at my desk on campus—at home! I think this is where I belong." Knowing that fact should make us all feel a little safer here at Leo.

Campus News

The numerous benefits of a walking campus

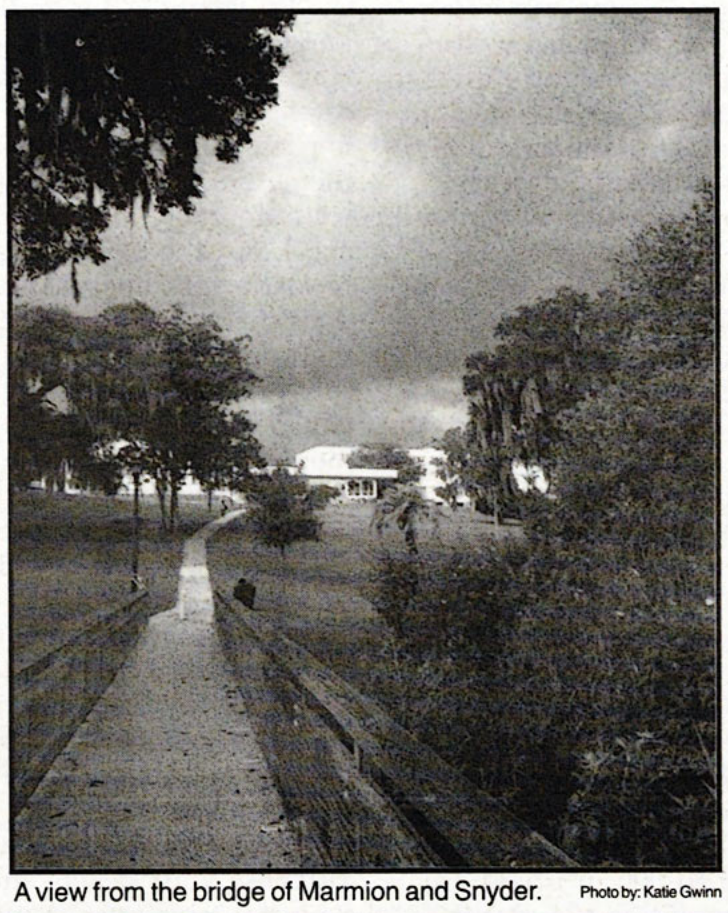
By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

The new academic year has started again, and once more we hear the moan and groan of finding a parking favorable for students. The layout of the campus was structured to reinforce the personal development of each student, whether they are a commuter or residential student. While the students may not always find that "close to everything on campus" parking space, there really isn't much of a distance between buildings on Saint Leo University campus. "It is relatively easy for students of saint Leo to get from class to class", says Stephan Philippeaux, senior and commuter student. To look at our campus and that of say University of Central Florida's campus, which houses 158 buildings, we are extremely small. Although many people joke that Saint Leo University is small it plays a major role in Dr. Kirk's plan of having a walking campus. A beautiful layout that allowed students to enjoy walking to class and getting a little active at the same time. "I think the fact that Saint Leo is a walking campus is great because people get a chance to know the campus well", says Alexandria Vincent, junior and resident on Saint Leo University Campus.

Every residence location on campus was intended to be a healthy walking distance away from classrooms, but still convenient for all students to get to in a timely manner. However some students find their locations to be a bit further than desired, but we seem to ask: is it really too far of a walk or just laziness? We know that every year students complain about the "freshman 15", it is becoming more of a fact than myth to scare incoming students. Between the unhealthy eating habits and the desire to drive to class rather than get in a small walk, has made for a dangerous combination. Most of the time students wake up in the morning and drive from their apartments to the gym parking lot to go to class. This not only creates a parking problem for those that are commuting, but also makes students become more lazy about taking a nice walk to class on a nice day.

Some students are also oblivious to the growing obesity issue that is occurring within college students. Obesity remains a problem in America and Saint Leo works in the hopes the help reduce the scales.

A national study, by American College Health Association



A view from the bridge of Marmion and Snyder. Photo by: Katie Gwinn

National Health Assessment, stated "nearly 6 of 10 students participate fewer than 3 days per week in vigorous-intensity (20 minutes or more) or moderate-intensity (30 minutes or more) physical activity."

It's hard to believe that walking in between classes keeps the body active, but walking from classes to the dorms takes about ten minutes at the most. Even for those freshmen fated to reside over yonder in Marmion/Snyder, it is but a fifteen minute walk to help your body wake up and stay active. Senior and former RA for the Marmion/Snyder Residency, Jessyca Daniel, goes on to say "I love that Saint Leo is a walking campus. Everything is so convenient and walking distance, and I didn't have to worry about the "freshman 15" either."

Are we ready? Prepping for hurricane conditions

By Owen Robertson
Co-Editor in Chief

Living in Florida means living with the fact that every year from June to December there is a threat of hurricanes.

This year's hurricane season began with a very damp reminder of that fact. While everyone over this past weekend was worrying about the possible effect of the latest named storm, Issac, and the effect it would have on the Republican National Convention back in June a relatively weak storm named Debby made her presence felt all over Western central Florida. Given two named storms have impacted the Saint Leo University area in two months the question begs to be asked, "Are we ready?"

"Yes, absolutely." according to Frank Mezzanini, Chief Financial Officer of Saint Leo University.

Debby's impact on campus and the community was significant.Not from wind damage but from the volume of rain. From June 23 to June 25 Debby poured on the area nearly 25 inches of rain.

For those not accustomed to what that can mean, 1 inch of rain equates to 1 foot of snow. With that conversion in mind it's not hard to realize the impact. The rain fall was so heavy that the drainage system for the campus was simply overwhelmed.

If you have classes at the Bowman Activity Center and Gymansium you noticed that on the first day of classes the gym was closed.

That was because the building had been flooded from the rain of Debby. Bowman wasn't the only building impacted, Henderson Hall's 1 floor and the basement of Saint Edwards Hall were also damaged, all of this by June 27, less than two months before students returned to campus and in conjunction with two major construction projects nearing completion.

Despite what might seem an amazing challenge and difficulty, Saint Leo was prepared. "We are part of the Florida Independent Colleges and Universities Risk Management Association Inc (FICURMA," said Mezzannini, "which provides a risk pool of funds that all of the participating institutions contribute funds for providing the members with property, casualty, worker'scompensation insurance."

"When Debby struck, within 24 hours I was already contacted by the disaster recovery team of BMS CAT, a commercial disaster recovery company that is contracted to FICUMRA;" said Mezzanini, "within 36 hours they had a team on site working the cleanup with backup generators and developing a plan for the recovery and restoration of the damage."

As a result of being a part of FICURMA students were able to move into Henderson Hall without interruption. The Bowman Center was prepared for the Fall Semester and the athletics department saw little true impact. The basement of Saint Edwards Hall, which was a record storage location, did not end up being a lossof important records.

What does this mean to the community of Saint Leo? It means the students who moved into the first floor of Henderson Hall have newly remodeled rooms. It means that in the event of aweather emergency there is a plan in place to help everyone inthe community of Saint Leo University. It means the Saint Leo is ready for the next storm, but everyone should hope that there will not be a need for the services of FICURMA again this year.

Who says there's nothing to do on campus?

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

After a long day of classes, exams and important meetings, many students look for fun things to do on and off campus, but you don't have to look too far to find some great entertainment and fun and at a cost that won't break your wallet. Here are some things to do both on and off campus at Saint Leo!

CAB Events – CAB stands for Campus Activities Board. They are responsible for planning both on and off campus events. Looking to make a new t-shirt, ring or other fun novelty? CAB has got you covered. They offer many free make-your-own giveaways. Look for those scattered throughout the semester. Another great fun activity is CAB Bingo. Over $1,000 in prizes are given out once a month and all you need is a small canned good donation. This isn't your grandma's Bingo, this is way more fun and a great time with friends for all.

But what CAB is well known for are the $5 trips. Have you ever wanted to go catch a baseball game, hockey game or go to a theme park? Ever want to try indoor sky diving or check out the mystical land of Medieval Times? CAB does that too! Look out for their annual trips to Universal Studios or Busch Gardens every semester and for their annual Halloween events, Halloween Horror Nights and Howl-O-Scream. All of this for only $5. That includes round-trip bus transportation and in some cases, a meal voucher. Not to mention the free movie trips every month held at Muvico in Tampa. Make sure to check out www.saintleotickets.com to purchase your tickets and to see what trips are coming up soon. CAB is your one stop shop for fun trips and great day events that will leave you less than bored.

Saint Leo Sporting Events- We have 17 different collegiate sports here at Saint Leo. Most of the sports have home events that students can attend for free with their Saint Leo ID. And going to one of Saint Leo's sporting events is always a good time. The Athletics Department has the ROAR rewards program. When you come to an event, you get a ticket that gets punched and every five punches, you get a prize! Free Saint Leo gear, coupons for nearby restaurants and so much more. Not to mention, cheering on your Lions as they compete is always fun and a great way to embrace school spirit. Upcoming events include the Saint Leo Women's Volleyball Classic, held August 31st and September 1st. Make sure to check out www.saintleolions.com for all the teams and their respective schedules. Go Lions!

Nearby Attractions and Restaurants – We are only 30 minutes from the greater Tampa Bay area and 90 minutes from Orlando. We are also near Clearwater Beach, a sparkling beach that offers many great activities. Pack that towel and swimsuit for a fun day with friends. Not to mention, there are many restaurants, shops and attractions near our school. One great place is Grand Prix Tampa, a fun place go-kart racing and mini-golf! Located near Busch Gardens, this place offers great deals for those who love to race and putt.

The next four years of your life at Saint Leo will be filled with many fun events and things to do. Taking advantage of the many fun events both on and off campus will help you create long lasting memories and some great friends.

Ten things you should do (and ten things you shouldn't)

By Kyle Dunlap
Copy Editor

Do:

·Come to class on time. Timeliness makes a great impression.

·Dress tastefully. Pajamas are comfy, but a great impression is worth more.

·Be respectful towards others. Respect takes you places that disrespect won't.

·Share yourself. Others can't know you if you don't tell them.

·Be creative. Some of the best solutions come from a good mixture of soul and mind.

·Complete your assignments. It might seem obvious, but completing assignments reduces stress later.

·Mute your cell phone. It's disruptive and inappropriate to leave it on.

·Know when to get help. Whether medical or academic, help is available and should be used if necessary.

·Get involved. College life is not lived solely within the residence halls.

·Manage your money. Nothing is worse than not eating.

Don't:

·Skip class. Come late if you have to, but come to class. It's better to learn than ignore.

·Procrastinate. It's far more stressful to do an assignment one day before rather than doing it early.

·Actively disrespect. It's one thing to have a lack of respect, but another thing to try not to have it.

·Shut down. It's strange and new here, but being open will help you not feel alone.

·Be too creative. Certainly, great ideas are captivating, but make sure it falls in the scope of what you're doing.

·Ignore your assignments. Ignoring them doesn't make them go away.

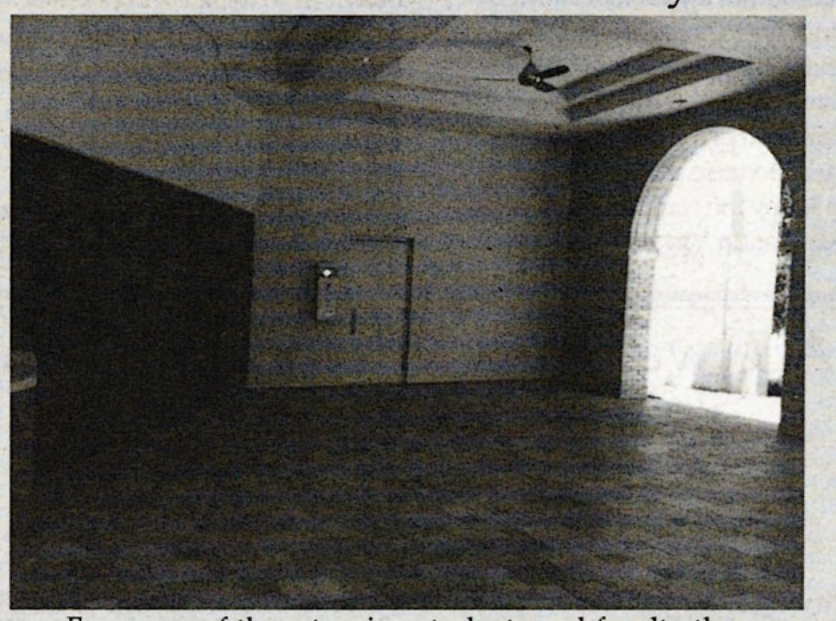
·Use your phone in class. Forgetting to mute is annoying, but actively using it is outrageous.

·Avoid help. It's not shameful to ask, and that help might be the difference between life and death.

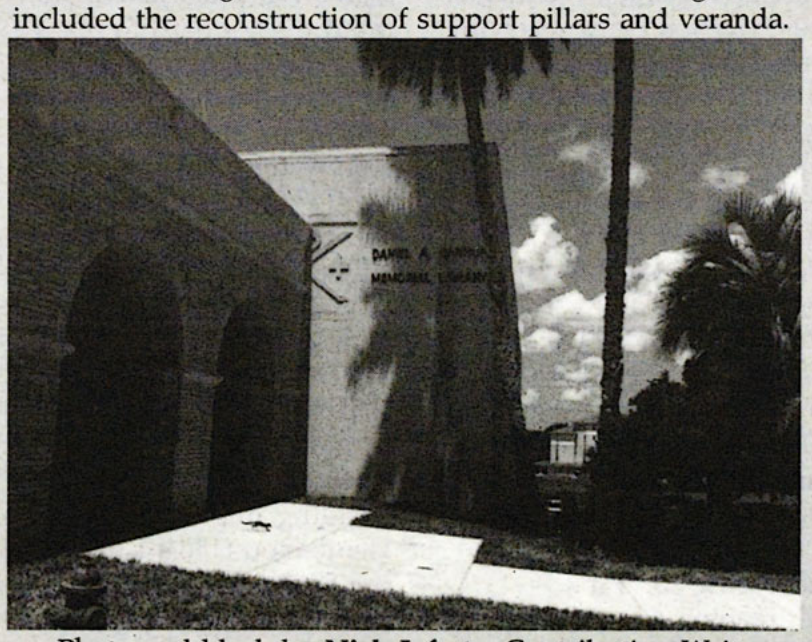
·Get too involved. Being a member of the newspaper, a fraternity, an off-campus job, and six classes might be really fulfilling,but rest is just as important as work.

·Become too obsessed with your finances. If you manage it well enough, it won't require your undying attention. Money is noteverything.

The New Face of the Cannon Memorial Library



For many of the returning students and faculty the new look of the Cannon Memorial Library is rather refreshing. The façade of the building went through a complete makeover making last school year's campus wide construction worth the wait. The front of the building has been redone with a welcoming courtyard and spacious shaded area right outside its doors. The remodeling also included the reconstruction of support pillars and veranda.



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How to live life as a "true lion"

By Nick Davis
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Adjusting to campus life can be challenging considering being new to the university and also being a stranger to an independent life style. Managing class time and study hours while maintaining a social life on your own means learning how to manage one's time is crucial in an environment that demands such maturity. However difficult or overwhelming it may seem at first, there are ways of alleviating some of the stress that comes with being a college student. Living comfortably in your residence hall is one of the most important factors of having a fun and successful career at Saint Leo University.

Although being away from family and friends seems tough to start, living in a healthy and comfortable space is attainable, especially with the help of new friends and Saint Leo's Resident Assistant staff.

"Living in the dorms keeps you close to your friends and classes. It makes being around for events and getting around campus a lot easier", said Lou Cafiero, a returning sophomore of Saint Leo.

After socializing with roommates or even neighbors you will soon realize that you are not the only one who feels uncertain or alone. When you join Saint Leo University, you are no longer alone, because you become a part of the family and the Resident Assistants do their best to ensure that we all are comfortable in our living quarters. The Resident Assistants of Saint Leo are always planning events that are fun and beneficial for you and they are only a doorbell away. Some events hosted by Kevin Sullivan, the Resident Assistant of Apartment 4 during the summer, were "Pizza & Game Night" and "Popcorn-a-thon."

Resident Assistants are also available in the event you are unsatisfied with your living space. In the event a student is having an issue with a roommate or there is a problem with the room i.e. troubles with roommate, damages to the rooms, etc.) students are encouraged to notify an RA who will then follow through with series of actions to rectify the situation in a timely manner. Their mission is to see to it that each of their residents are satisfied with their halls. This includes tending to resident's needs, whether they be for a social event or personal issues.

Overall, Saint Leo strives to provide each of its on campus students with a very warming and inviting experience from the classroom to the residence halls. In each resident hall facility there is an area designated for academic study as well as an area for recreational activities with friends. This is because Saint Leo is not merely a school, but also a home.

How to bring "home" with you

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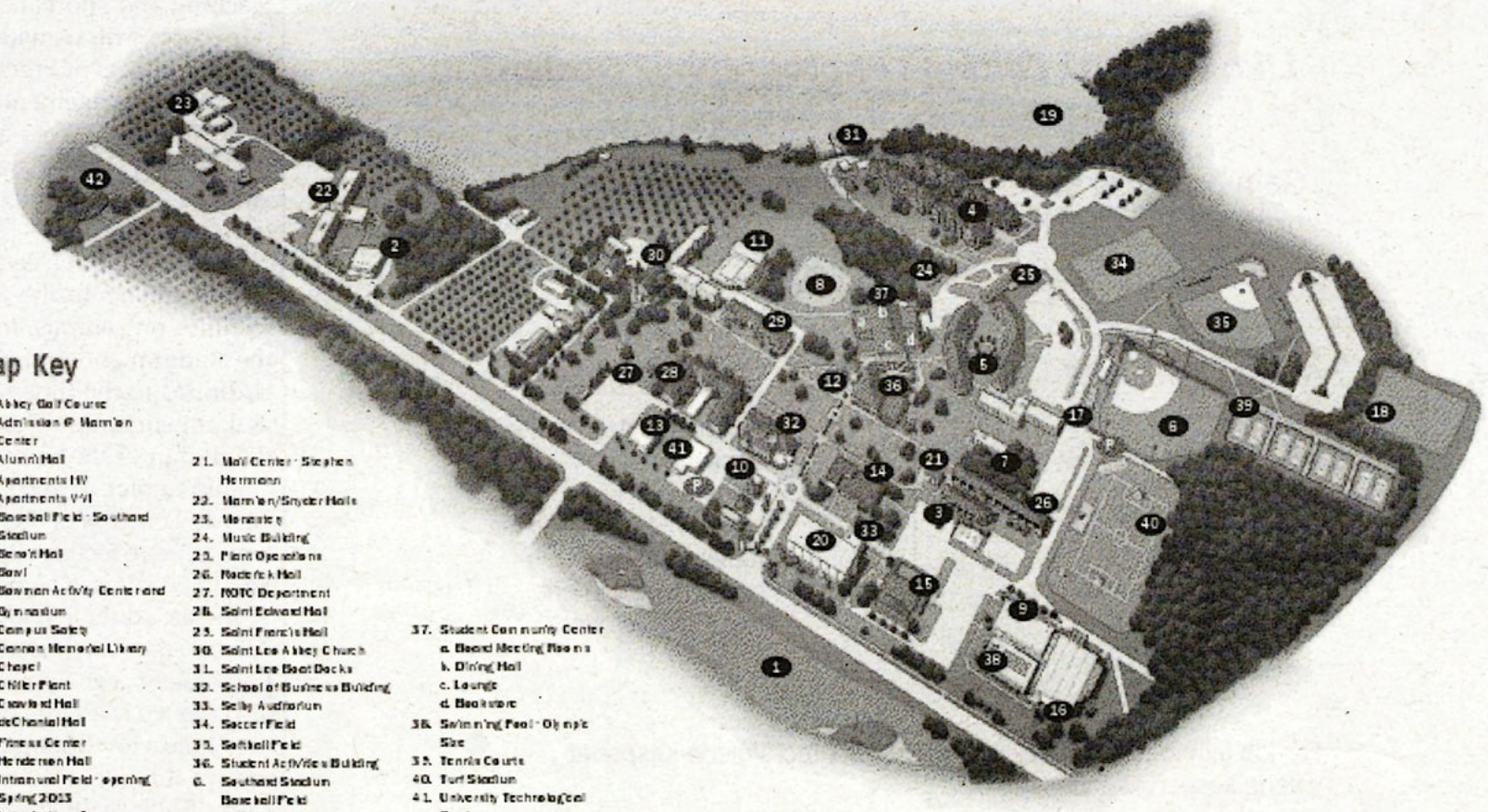
This is the first time you are out on your own and it may be just a little bit scary knowing that no one familiar is around. Leaving all your friends and family can be a tough transition into college life, and yet we all have to find a way to face it. Here are just a few tips, based off some of the five senses, on how to make your dorm room feel more like home and help you adjust to college life.

Sight is a key component of the five senses. So make your room bright; this will help liven it up and make such a small space feel a thousand times bigger. A bright bed set and pillows can make your room feel much homier than it would if you decided on a black or grey theme. Arrange your room in a way that is appealing to the eye. The desk, bed, and dresser can all be moved in a way that will give you more space and make you feel like you have a more comfortable environment to live in for the year. Buy picture frames or make a wall collage of all your family and friends. This will not only be an eye catcher as soon as you walk in the room but it will also help you to feel closer to the people that you left back in your hometown. One of the best advices that should be given is to install Skype on your laptop or iPad, and make your friends and family do the same. This will give you a sense of security in a new environment. You'll feel more at home, or at least closer to your loved ones, if you get to see their faces on occasion, even if it's just on the computer screen.

Taste and smell are probably some people's favorite senses. So stock your fridge with food and drink that you are accustomed to having at your house. As odd as it may sound, a familiar smell can go a long way. Use the same laundry detergent or shampoos and body sprays; this will help you to relax and feel more comfortable in a new place. Also, you could buy candles and remove the wick. This will not only add to the décor, but if it has the same smell as your home then that's just one more thing to remind you of the people you love.

Most importantly, make friends with your roommate. This is a big deal when it comes to adjusting to college life and making your dorm homier. Your roommate will never take the place of your friends and family back home but this will help your room atmosphere to be more livable and if you have someone to talk to or vent about your day to, this will help you feel like you're at home talking to one of your closest friends.

Think of this as the start of something great. You couldn't live in the comfort of your home forever, and college gave you a way to get out there and meet new people. Make your room homey, and continue to do this throughout your college career. Sooner than you know it you'll be thinking of a decorating scheme for next year's dorm, and eventually your own home.



Map Key

1. Abbey Golf Course
2. Admission @ Mann'on Center
3. Alumni Hall
4. Apartments I-IV
5. Apartments V-VI
6. Baseball Field - Southard Stadium
7. Benet Hall
8. Bowl
9. Bowman Activity Center and Gymnasium
10. Campus Safety
11. Cannon Memorial Library
12. Chapel
13. Chiller Plant
14. Crawford Hall
15. deChantal Hall
16. Fitness Center
17. Henderson Hall
18. Intramural Field - opening Spring 2013
19. Lake Jovita
20. Lewis Hall
21. Mall Center - Stephen Hermann
22. Mann'on/Snyder Halls
23. Monastery
24. Music Building
25. Plant Operations
26. Roderick Hall
27. ROTC Department
28. Saint Edward Hall
29. Saint Francis Hall
30. Saint Leo Abbey Church
31. Saint Leo Boat Docks
32. School of Business Building
33. Selby Auditorium
34. Soccer Field
35. Softball Field
36. Student Activities Building
37. Student Community Center
    a. Board Meeting Rooms
    b. Dining Hall
    c. Lounge
    d. Bookstore
38. Swimming Pool - Olympic Size
39. Tennis Courts
40. Turf Stadium
41. University Technological Services
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Sports

O'Connor hopes to build on success

Conference champs women's soccer ready for 2012-13 season

By Chad Wise
Sports Editor

The 2011-12 women's soccer season was a resounding success, with a 15-3-1 record and a regular season Sunshine State Conference championship. This year, the Lions will start with a number two SSC preseason ranking against Warner University on August 30.

Thirteen new additions to the Lions this season will combine with the 14 returning players to form an even more competitive side than the team that finished a disappointing NCAA DII Women's Soccer Tournament and South Regional Finals without a title.

"[We have] a good mix of experience and youthful innocence," Coach Ged O'Connor said. "The incoming kids don't know how strong this conference is.

"We're looking to go out and be successful."

The Lions' schedule has a new look to it this year, as well. The eight other SSC teams will face Saint Leo before an additional four randomly-selected SSC opponents will kick off against the Lions in non-conference play.

Despite the loss of some key contributors last season, O'Connor is optimistic about his current squad.

"The good thing is that, out of our squad of 27, I think only seven of them graduate in the next two years," he said. "So I've got a good core group of players for the next two, three, four years. We're young, but again, that could be a good thing.

"As long as they're here, playing, working hard, and enjoying it, and getting their degree, then that's enough for me."

O'Connor also brings more experience to the table this season after coaching the VSI Tampa Flames of United Soccer Leagues' W-League, on which a few graduated players played.

"The NCAA rules don't allow [current college players to play for their college head coach]," O'Connor said of the W-League. "But it was nice [to coach this summer]."

After working with a professional league, O'Connor also believes that the choices for his players after college will be greater than in years past, while he is also excited about the prospect of working with this group of players for a few years.

"I don't think many of my current players will want to go overseas," he said. "Hopefully, if they do go on and turn pro and make a lot of money, they donate some back to Saint Leo."

The new lacrosse/soccer stadium is not playable yet, but the Lions opening the new stadium will be a sight to see.

"It's brilliant," O'Connor said of the new athletic facilities campus-wide. "There's not many schools where they're building so many sporting facilities. In the last few years, we've gotten a softball field, the new soccer field, and turf stadium; that's a lot of stuff in this economy.

"It's great that Fran [Reidy] is a soccer fan. I'm loving that. It's not like we've got a football program here that's taking everything."

With another season like the last, the women's soccer team could be bigger than a football team on campus ever could.

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Athletic Director Recognized

By Chad Wise
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It took 13 years, but Francis X. Reidy, Saint Leo University's Director of Athletics, was selected as the 2011-12 Southeast Region Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year this summer. The honor was announced in the June 25 issue of Street & Smith's SportsBusiness Journal/Daily.

Following the 2011-12 women's soccer Sunshine State Conference-winning season and the numerous improvements to the Athletic Department and facilities, Reidy was also promoted as the 2nd Vice President and Treasurer of the Division II Athletic Directors Association. He will hold the position during the 2012-12 and 2013-14 academic years.

"I am thrilled that Fran Reidy is being recognized by his peers for his excellence and integrity as our athletic director," Saint Leo President Dr. Arthur F. Kirk said. "He fully embraces the values set forth by both Division II and by Saint Leo."

Of the 17 current intercollegiate sports on campus, Reidy oversaw the addition of nine since his reign as Director of Athletics began in 1999.

"The performance of our athletes on the field and in the classroom, as well as the teaching and sportsmanship of our coaches fill us with pride and are results of Fran's leadership and management," President Kirk said. "We have long known that Fran is the best DII Athletic Director in the nation."

Reidy has overseen massive improvements to the athletic facilities on campus, including the stadium and arena lighting, additions to the fitness canter and athletic training area, and the design of the Saint Leo Tennis Center in 2006. The Tennis Center was the first new athletic facility at Saint Leo in 30 years. The new, state-of-the-art softball stadium and currently-in-construction Lacrosse/Soccer Stadium are also thanks to Reidy.

"I am very honored to receive this recognition," Reidy said. "But it really is an acknowledgement of the great leadership and great staff we have at Saint Leo University."